IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V.RAMULU

W.P.No.6734 of 2006

Dated: 16th June, 2006

Between:

S.Rajasree

.. Petitioner

and

The Joint Collector,
Visakhapatnam.

.. Respondent

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ORDER:

The complaint of the petitioner is that the respondent by impugned order suspended her licence as a measure of punishment without giving her an opportunity of being heard in spite of her request

and explanation submitted to the show cause notice.

The learned counsel for petitioner states that the action of the respondent in passing the impugned order without giving the petitioner a personal hearing is contrary to clause 28(1) of the A.P. Petroleum Products (Licensing & Regulation of Supplies) Order, 1980.

Heard both sides and perused the impugned order and other material made available on record.

Whether or not, a request for personal hearing is made, under the provison referred to above, the authorities are obligated to afford an opportunity to the petitioner. Admittedly, the petitioner was not heard before passing the impugned order in spite of her request in this regard.

Therefore, the writ petition is allowed and the order impugned in this writ petition is set aside. The authorities are at liberty to pass appropriate orders as per law after giving opportunity to the petitioner. No order as to costs.

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C.V.RAMULU,
J

Date: 16.6.2006
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